

**Policy Statement of the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants  
Regarding Time Limitations on Holding Grades Pending Final Certification  
and Guideline for Determination of Abandonment of Fitness Application**

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**Time Limitation on Holding Grades Pending Final Certification**

In the case of an applicant whose grades are being held because the Bar Examination was taken under temporary certification of fitness, or under final certification that was subsequently revoked, the applicant will have three (3) years from the date of the general release of grades (for the examination taken by the applicant ) to obtain final certification. Six (6) months prior to the expiration of the three years, the staff shall give written notice to the applicant that if final fitness certification has not been obtained within the following six months, the applicant's file will be considered abandoned.

**Guideline for Determination of Abandonment of Fitness Application**

In the case of an applicant who has made no written response to a written request by the Office of Bar Admissions for three (3) years from the date of the written request, the Assistant Director has the authority to determine that the file has been abandoned and will so inform the applicant in writing at his or her last known address. Questionable cases will be brought before the Board for consideration.